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(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of reply to (c) & (d)

[Translation]

#### Clearance to GPCL

3939. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been sent by the Department of Power and Petrochemicals of Gujarat

Government to the Union Government regarding clearance in principle to GPCL from Central Electricity Authority during the last three years till date;

(b) if so, the details and latest position thereof; and

(c) the time by which the clearance is likely to be given to GPCL ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Five project proposals were received in the Central Electricity Authority from Gujarat Power Corporation Limited (GPCL) for accord of 'in-principle'/techno-economic clearance. The details of these projects and their present status is as follows :

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Date of Receipt in CEA	Date of issue of IPC	Present Status
1.	Akrimota Lignite TPS	240	12/93	22.7.94	Project returned on 7/95 as GPCL transferred the project to M/s. GMDC. Subsequently, GMDC was informed on 19.2.1997 that IPC is not required in case of project being executed by State Public undertaking.
2.	Gogha Lignite based Power Plant	240	8/93	21.7.94	Project returned on 12.7.1996 as GPCL is yet to identify the executing agency for the project.
3.	Pipavav dual fuel based Power Station	615	12/93	—	Project returned on 14.10.1996 as GPCL is yet to identify the executing agency for the project.
4.	Kharsalia Lignite based Power Plant	120	10/95	—	Project returned on 28.2.1996 as GPCL is yet to identify the executing agency and yet to tie-up inputs/ clearances for the project.
5.	Coal based Coastal Thermal Power Station (near Pipavav)	1000	1/96	—	Project returned on 17.9.1996 as GPCL is yet to identify the executing agency and yet to tie-up inputs/ clearances for the project.

[English]

#### Drinking Water Projects

3940. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state

(a) the details of various drinking water projects

pending with the Union Government, State-wise;

(b) the action being taken by the Government on these projects;

(c) the time by which clearance is likely to be given to these projects;

(d) whether sanction and financial assistance has

been accorded to these projects so far;

- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYEMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPY YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (f) The information is given in statement attached. These projects are isolated projects. Since all the quality affected problem habitations cannot be tackled with this type of isolated projects, State Governments have been requested to prepare a comprehensive action plan to provide safe drinking water to all quality affected habitations. No comprehensive project proposal has been received from the State Government.

### Statement

#### Details of List of Projects pending

State Name	No. of Projects pending
Andhra Pradesh	36
Gujarat	6
Karnataka	1
Madhya Pradesh	2
Maharashtra	3
Rajasthan	2
Uttar Pradesh	2
West Bengal	1
All India	53

#### UT/State Cadre Officers

3941. SHRI NITISH BHARADWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the officers belonging to U.T./State Cadre are ignored and in their places I.A.S. officers are posted;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government ensure that such usurpation of rights of cadre officers is put to an end immediately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Posting of IAS officers serving in connection with the affairs of the State

Government is entirely within their competence and such decisions are based on administrative requirements.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.

### Refineries

3942. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of refineries proposed to be set up during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) the States where these refineries are proposed to be set up;
- (c) whether any such refinery is proposed to be set up in Orissa also during 9th plan; and
- (d) if so, the details of their location ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (d) The new grass-root refineries proposed to set up/commissioned by PSUs/their JVCs during the IX Plan, are as under :-

S.No.	Name of Refinery	State
1.	Panipat Refinery	Haryana
2.	Numaligarh Refinery	Assam
3.	Central India Refinery	Madhya Pradesh
4.	West Coast Refinery	Maharashtra
5.	East Coast Refinery	Orissa

*[Translation]*

### Investment in Wastelands Development Work

3943. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYEMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether a high amount has been misappropriated in the wasteland development work during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of amount invested for wasteland development; and
- (d) the outcome of this investment during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYEMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPY YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Misappropriation of huge amount in the waste-